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SUBJ: ISRAELI ARTICLE ON US MIDDLE EAST POLICY

1. YEDIOT AHARONOT SEPT 5 CARRIES ARTICLE BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT LAHAV PURPORTING TO QUOTE REMARK BY ACTING SECRETARY SEPT 4 TO ISRAELI RADIO'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT ABOUT US POLICY TOWARD REGION. AS FAR AS EMBASSY CAN DETERMINE, ISRAELI RADIO HAS NOT ITSELF CARRIED REMARK, NOR DOES ANY OTHER NEWSPAPER. SUMMARY OF ARTICLE FOLLOWS.

2. ACTING SECRETARY, WHEN ISRAELI RADIO CORRESPONDENT CAUGHT HIM IN DEPARTMENT LOBBY SEPT 4 AND ASKED WHETHER KING FAISAL'S THREATS WOULD AFFECT US POLICY, SAID QUOTE WE SHALL NOT CHANGE OUR MIDDLE EAST POLICY END QUOTE. HOWEVER, SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS HAVE BEEN NUANCING THIS QUESTION DIFFERENTLY. THEY SAY US WILL CHANGE ACCENT, THOUGH NOT GENERAL POLICY, BUT WILL NOT DO SO IN PANIC OR UNDER PRESSURE. ONE CANNOT DISREGARD OIL IS FACTOR IN US POLICY, THEY EXPLAIN

3. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ARE PREPARING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KISSINGER, AND ONE IS FOR US TO ASSUME MIDDLE EAST STANCE MORE SYMPATHETIC TO ARABS. WHEN ASKED IF THIS WOULD MEAN GIVING IN TO BLACKMAIL, THEY REPLY THAT ATTEMPT AT BLACKMAIL COULD ALSO BE CALLED LEGITIMATE USE OF ARABS OF MEANS AVAILABLE TO THEM. ANY US POLICY SHIFT WOULD BE GRADUAL, AS UNCLASSIFIED

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NEITHER FAISAL NOR SADAT HAS CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT THEY WILL DO.

LIKELY BY-PRODUCT WILL BE ABANDONMENT BY SADAT OF WAR OPTION,  
ACCORDING TO THESE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS. WHEN ASKED IF ANOTHER  
CONSEQUENCE MIGHT NOT BE INCREASED EGYPTIAN RESISTANCE TO  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL, THEY ASK BACK IF ISRAELIS ARE DOING  
ANYTHING TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR SADAT TO NEGOTIATE, AND THEY  
POINT TO ISRAELI LABOR PARTY PLATFORM ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES,  
WHICH THEY SAY HARMS CAUSE OF PEACE.  
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